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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An EAS marker assembly comprising a housing defining an interior cavity and an EAS marker contained in said housing interior cavity, said housing defining first and second tabs extending outwardly of first and second different sides of said housing, each of said first and second tabs defining an aperture extending therethrough.

Claim 2 (Original): The EAS marker assembly claimed in claim 1, wherein said housing is comprised of first and second housing members in mutually confronting relation, said first housing member defining said interior cavity, said first and second housing members each defining said first and second tabs extending outwardly thereof.

Claim 3 (Original): The EAS marker assembly claimed in claim 1, wherein said first and second tabs extend to respective free tab ends, said housing defines hinge sections at ends of said first and second tabs opposite said free ends thereof.

Claim 4 (Original): The EAS marker assembly claimed in claim 2, wherein said first and second tabs extend to respective free tab ends, said first and second housing members each defining hinge sections at ends of said first and second tabs opposite said free ends thereof.

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Claim 5 (Original): The EAS marker assembly claimed in claim 1, further including a joiner device having a shaft portion of diameter equal to or less than a diameter of said tab apertures.

Claim 6 (Original): The EAS marker assembly claimed in claim 5, further including a locking device securable to said joiner device.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): In combination:

an EAS marker assembly comprising a housing defining an interior cavity and an EAS marker contained in said housing interior cavity, said housing defining first and second tabs extending outwardly of first and second different sides of said housing, each of said first and second tabs defining an aperture extending therethrough;

an article of manufacture defining first and second apertures extending therethrough,

said EAS marker assembly being arranged in combination with said EAS marker assembly such that said apertures of said first and second tabs are aligned with said first and second apertures of said article of manufacture; and

a joiner device extending through said apertures of said first and second tabs and said first and second apertures of said article of manufacture and securing said EAS marker assembly to said article of manufacture.

Claim 8 (Original): The invention claimed in claim 7, further including a locking device securable to said joiner device.

Claim 9 (Original): The invention claimed in claim 7, wherein said article of

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manufacture is an electrical cable assembly, said first and second apertures of said article of manufacture comprising respective apertures in prongs of a plug of said electrical cable assembly.

Claim 10 (Original): The invention claimed in claim 9, further including a locking device securable to said joiner device.

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Claim 11 (Currently amended): An EAS marker assembly comprising a housing defining an interior cavity and an EAS marker contained in said housing interior cavity, said housing defining first and second tabs extending outwardly of first and second different sides of said housing, each of said first and second tabs defining an aperture extending therethrough and a locking device secured with said first tab.

Claim 12 (Original): The EAS marker assembly claimed in claim 11, wherein said locking device is an integral part of said first tab.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): In combination:

an EAS marker assembly comprising a housing defining an interior cavity and an EAS marker contained in said housing interior cavity, said housing defining first and second tabs extending outwardly of first and second different sides of said housing, each of said first and second tabs defining an aperture extending therethrough and a locking device secured with said first tab;

an article of manufacture defining first and second apertures extending therethrough, said EAS marker assembly being arranged in combination with said EAS marker

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assembly such that said apertures of said first and second tabs are aligned with said first and second apertures of said article of manufacture; and

a joiner device extending through said apertures of said first and second tabs and said first and second apertures of said article of manufacture and said locking device for securing said EAS marker assembly to said article of manufacture.